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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WARNS OF POSSIBLE RESUMPTION
OF WAR BY EGYPTIAN ARMY

1. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR TAWFIK, WHO HAS AVOIDED CONVERSING WITH ME AT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS SINCE BEGINNING LATEST WAR, CAME UP TO ME AT RECEPTION LAST NIGHT AND INITIATED CONVERSATION ON CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. WHILE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DURABLE PEACE IN REGION, HE EMPHASIZED THAT KISSINGER WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SOME SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS "WITHIN SIX DAYS" OR EGYPTIAN ARMY WOULD, WITH OR WITHOUT APPROVAL OF SADAT, RESUME FULL-SCALE WARFARE AGAINST ISRAEL.

2. COMMENT: UNFORTUNATELY, I DO NOT KNOW AMBASSADOR TAWFIK WELL ENOUGH TO EVALUATE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS ASSERTION. CONCEIVABLY HIS FORECAST OF POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF WAR WAS BASED ON PURELY PERSONAL SPECULATION OR PERHAPS ON SOME CURRENT EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY GUIDANCE INTENDED TO PRESSURE U. S. INTO SEEKING EARLY CONCESSIONS FROM ISRAEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, INFORMATION COULD BE RELIABLE
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INASMUCH AS TAWFIK, A RESERVE COLONEL IN

EGYPTIAN ARMY WHO WAS ON ACTIVE DUTY JUST PRIOR TO
HIS PRESENT DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT, MAY STILL HAVE ACCESS
TO GOOD SOURCES OF INFORMATION WITHIN EGYPTIAN ARMY.
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